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BERLIN REPORTS ANTI-STALIN PLOT

Several unconfirmed reports of a plot against Stalin were published recently in Stockholm newspapers. The story originated in the West Berlin newspaper, Der Abend. High-ranking Soviet military and political leaders, headed by Marshal of the Soviet Union Govorov, are reported to have conspired against the Stalin-Malenkov clique. This is given as the reason for the reinstitution of the death penalty in the USSR on 12 January 1950. According to the 17 March 1950 FBIS Daily Report, Govorov was not reelected on 12 March 1950 to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR from the Oktyabr'skiy election district of Leningrad, from which he was elected in 1946.

On 19 February, Dagens Nyheter carried the following report of the story which appeared in Der Abend.

According to Der Abend, a plot against Stalin, directed by Marshal Govorov, has been uncovered in Leningrad. The Berlin newspaper says that the information stems from circles close to the Soviet Control Commission.

The disclosure of the plot was the reason for the recent readoption of the death penalty for espionage and sabotage, Der Abend continued. Nearly 200 leading officers, government officials, and prominent Party members were involved in the conspiracy. Several Red Army political leaders, high-ranking Leningrad officials, and officials of the Ministry of State Security participated. Those arrested so far are said to be followers of Sergey Kirov, who was liquidated by the Politburo on 1 December 1934, according to Der Abend's report. The purpose of the conspiracy was to set up a Great Russian Republic with Leningrad as the capital.

Dagens Nyheter warns that so far there has been no confirmation of the newspaper story in Berlin. It states further that newspapers in both East and West Berlin advise that the story of the plot be taken with great reservation.

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Morgen Tidningen, also on 19 February, quoted Der Abend as saying that the conspirators feared that the expansionist policy of the Stalin-Malenkov clique would lead the USSR dangerously close to war and that the promises of a higher standard of living for the Soviet people made during the war were fraudulent lies.

The Stockholm Latvian-language newspaper, Latvju Vards, on 23 February, reprinted excerpts from the Der Abend article. This version contained no additional information.

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